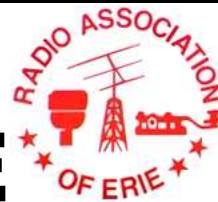


THE QUARAE



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Radio Association of Erie General Membership Meeting March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President AD4UL via SKYPE at 7PM.

Board Members Present: AD4UL (Via Skype), KE3V, N3NKV, KB3GYR, WB3DOM, N3DBC, K3PLV

Board Members Not Present: N3JOC and KB3NAT.

AD4UL suspended all business for the program for the evening which was an webinar on PA ACT 88.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm.

New Hams: None

Silent Keys: K3KSB and N3MWZ

Upgrades: Joe Ponchak to Extra and Jafa Armagost to General.

Secretary's Report: N3NKV asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February Meeting as printed in the QUARAE. Motion to accept Made by N3LBI. Seconded by AD4UL. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bob KB3GYR provided the current balance. Bob mentioned that new checks need to be ordered along with a "For Deposit Only" stamp. All were in favor of said purchases. N3NKV added that the equipment insurance and the projector have been paid.

Change of Address: Bob also reported that the PO Box has been moved to Griswold Plaza to Legion

Road. The New Address is PO Box 8931, Erie, PA 16505. The box at has been Griswold closed down and all mail is being forwarded to Legion RD. It was brought up that various items will need to be changed. N3DBC will look at the cost of getting new stationary printed. A label will be put over address on the QSL cards.

Membership: Bob KB3GYR estimates we have 76 members. It may be higher than that.

Committee Reports:

Repeater: KB3CAT reported that the link issues on 61 are taken care of. The "Repeater System Clear" has also been resolved. Next project will be getting the 82 repeater online.

Public Service: N3LBI passed around a signup sheet for March of Dimes walk for the first Sunday in May.

Website: N3NKV reported that he was experimenting with a few changes on the website.

Reminder

Radio Association of Erie Meeting
Thursday April 7th, 2011 at 7 pm at the American Red Cross.

Program: NBEMS and Damage Assessment



Newsletter: N3NKV reported that the newsletter was kind of thin. Articles need to be submitted one week prior to the club meeting.

Clubhouse: N3ZNP reported that there was some vandalism at the clubhouse and the window nearest the door was smashed out. It has since been boarded up. AD4UL asked KB3JZL to see what we could do in regards to swinging shutters for the windows so that windows do not get broken.

Contesting: WB3IFD reported that the SSB ARRL DX contest is this weekend.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Yaesu FT-100: John WB3IFD offered to check out the Yaesu FT-100 so that the club can make a decision of whether to sell or keep said radio.

50/50 Winner: Doug AD4UL – Donated it back to the club.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by KB3VJZ seconded by N3NKV. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis
Radio Association of Erie
Secretary

**Radio Association of Erie
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President AD4UL via Skype at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members present: AD4UL via SKYPE, N3NKV, KB3GYR, WB3DOM, N3DBC, KB3NAT

Not Present: KE3V, K3PLV, N3JOC

Secretary's Report: N3NKV provided a copy of the minutes of the February board meeting.

AD4UL made a motion to accept Seconded by KB3GYR. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report: KB3GYR provided the treasurer's report. Form 990-N for IRS taxes will be completed electronically by KB3NAT.

Membership: KB3GYR and N3NKV have been working together on the getting the spreadsheet updated for the membership listing. Presently, there are 87 members. N3NKV did an analysis in regards to renewals from 2010 to 2011. The renewal rate for 2011 was 71.83% or 51/71 members renewed. N3NKV asked what course of action the board wanted to take to increase membership. AD4UL recommended sending out an e-mail reminder. All board members present were in favor.

Old Business:

Change of PO Box: The PO Box has been changed to Legion Road. N3NKV informed the board that KD3D was informed via mail of the address change for change of the FCC License. In addition, ARRL and the insurance company have been informed of the address change. N3LBI needs to contact the investment company and AD4UL needs to sign a change of address form for the IRS. Board members present decided not to get new stationery or QSL Cards printed.

Clubhouse: The electricity bill was not bad as first thought. AD4UL said to run the refrigerator as is. N3NKV mentioned that we have a lot of "junk" that has been acquired from various estates at the clubhouse and it is starting to accumulate. N3NKV mentioned that it has been there for a long period of time and no one wants to buy it. AD4UL mentioned that we try to get rid of it at the club meeting in May. KB3NAT suggested buying a table at Wattsburg Hamfest. AD4UL and N3NKV discussed adding a floor mounted electrical receptacle for the LCD projector in the front of the room. AD4UL mentioned that he spoke with KB3JZL about coming up with plans for outside shutters for the clubhouse.

Repeater: N3NKV mentioned that he received an e-mail from Kevin Custer of repeater-builder.com. He is possibly interested in purchasing some of

the club's surplus repeater equipment. N3NKV reported that there is an issue going on with the 82 UPS. About a week ago, the UPS did not work as planned.

New Business:

Loaning of Projector: KB3NAT asked the board their thoughts about loaning the LCD projector to other clubs to use. All board members present voted against the idea.

Red Cross Station: KB3NAT provided the board of directors with a letter that was being forwarded to Laura Grappy. The letter outlined plans and concerns in regards to the communications room at the Red Cross. Highlights of the letter include: ownership of equipment, access and operation of equipment, and maintenance of equipment. Copy of letter was forwarded to secretary.

Program for April Meeting: KB3NAT will be put on a presentation-- How NBEMS is used in Damage Assessment.

Motion to Adjourn made by KB3NAT, Seconded by WB3DOM at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis
Radio Association of Erie
Secretary

RESCUE RADIO: OPPOSITION GROWS TO SELLOFF OF 420 TO 440 MHZ from AR Newsline.

An article in USA Today about the concern by radio amateurs and others involved in rescue radio over aspects of House of Representatives measure H R 607 is sweeping the nation and its emergency preparedness community. And it turns out that there is growing opposition to a part of the bill that affects the 420 to 440 MHz band. Michael Grebert, KJ4ZZV, is here with the latest:

According to the U-S-A Today article, those lining up in opposition to a provision in H-R 607 that would sell off 420 to 440 MHz as a way off offsetting part of the cost of establishing a new nationwide interoperable emergency system is growing. In fact, it's starting to read like a who's who in emergency communications. This includes such notables as the National Weather Service, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council to name only a few.

As most of you are aware, Representative Peter King, of New York who is the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, introduced legislation last month. Its purpose is to enhance emergency communications for first responders by providing them with exclusive band space for public safety use.

Nobody opposes that idea. What is controversial is a provision of the measure that would allow the auctioning off of 420 to 440 MHz. Those who oppose that provision say that the spectrum in question is not just for radio hobbyists. Rather, it is also used by hundreds of thousands of Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers and severe-weather spotters working with National Weather Service and other agencies.

And among those speaking out is Harlin McEwen. McEwen s the chairman of a technology committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a spokesman for the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council. He's on record as saying that the reallocation of 420 to 440 MHz is a bad idea and one that's not good for public safety.

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2011 Dues are Due!!

If you have not paid your 2011 RAE membership dues, they are now due. Your membership is greatly appreciated. You can mail your dues payment along with the membership form from page 5 to:

Radio Association of Erie
PO Box 8931
Erie, PA 16505

If you have questions as to whether you paid your 2011 dues, the list below is accurate as of 3/20/2011. If you, have questions please contact Bob KB3GYR. A complete listing with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails will be available in the members only section of www.w3gv.org

Full	AA2AD	Asso	KB3KIQ	Life	KO3H	Full	N3XOG
Full	AD4UL	Life	KB3NAT	Full	N2WFFY	Full	N3ZNP
Full	K2OF	Full	KB3NPN	Full	N3BXL	Full	N3ZUD
Assoc	K3AFU	Full	KB3NRA	Full	N3DBC	Assoc	W3GHO
Full	K3GY	Fam	KB3NSM	Full	N3EHE	Full	W3GZO
Full	K3LD	Full	KB3OCT	Full	N3EPU	Full	W3HLM
Life	K3NAU	Full	KB3OFD	Full	N3FAW	Full	W3IAX
Full	K3PLV	Full	KB3PPC	Full	N3FRZ	Life	W3JQV
Full	K3SBU	Full	KB3PPD	Full	N3GKS	Full	W3PCJ
Life	K3UPC	Full	KB3SLD	Full	N3JOC	Assoc	W3QPP
Assoc	KA3AUH	Full	KB3SXX	Full	N3LBI	Full	WA1YJZ
Life	KA3CPV	Full	KB3SXL	Full	N3LPO	Life	WA3AWB
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Life	KA3WYO	Full	KB3UWK	Full	N3MLX	Full	WB3DOM
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Full	KB3DAF	Life	KC3BG	Full	N3QCQ	Full	WB3IFD
Full	KB3FKO	Life	KC3RC	Full	N3QHO	Full	WB3IFE
Full	KB3GLX	Life	KC3VD	Full	N3SRF	Life	WB3KVH
Full	KB3GYR	Full	KD8OSZ	Full	N3TQT	Life	WW3JC
Full	KB3JZL	Full	KE3V	Full	N3XFY	Assoc	WW3S

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2011 Membership Application

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____ ARRL Membership: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Life

Occupation: _____ Birth Date: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ ☐ Unlisted Work Phone: _____ ☐ Unlisted

Equipment: Bands:

Type:

Bands Operated:

☐ HF Base Station

☐ 160

☐ 6

☐ HF Portable

☐ 80

☐ 2

☐ VHF/UHF Portable Station

☐ 40

☐ 1.25

☐ VHF/UHF Base Station

☐ 20

☐ 70 cm

☐ Portable Generator

☐ 10

Other: _____

Operating Modes: ☐ SSB ☐ SSTV ☐ FSTV ☐ CW ☐ PSK31 ☐ AM ☐ NBEMS ☐ Packet

☐ Other: _____

Public Service:

Specify the activities listed below to be placed on the volunteer call-up lists:

☐ Public Service Activities ☐ ARES ☐ Skywarn ☐ VE

Membership Selected

☐ Full Membership – Full Voting Privileges - \$15.00

☐ Associate Membership – No Voting Privileges - 11.50

☐ Full Time Student – No Voting Privileges Free

☐ Life Membership - Full Voting Privileges - \$225.00

☐ Second Family Member 50% off

**Please return this
Membership Form to :**

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Office Use: MBR Type _____ Amount Pd: _____ Date _____ Check # _____

RESCUE RADIO Continued

But the U-S-A Today article is not the only one noting that emergency responders are taking issue with Representative King's band sell-off approach. Another in-depth piece the Great Falls Montana Tribune goes into even greater detail than U-S-A Today. Among other things, the Tribune article states that there are nearly 5,000 amateur radio volunteers in Montana, and many of them provide a backup communication system that emergency responders state wide and across the country depend on. This, when cellular telephones, satellite phones or other radio systems don't work.

Ryan Nicholls, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management in Springfield, Missouri takes it even a bit further. He notes that use of ham radio volunteers is the way in which that state plans to communicate between hospitals and the Red Cross in the event of an emergency. Nicholls notes that this is even written into that city's emergency operations plan. Both articles do a good job of pointing out the false economy of selling off the 420 to 440 MHz band.

And all this negative publicity may be taking its toll on at least one of those backing H R 607. Representative Billy Long of Missouri who is a co-sponsor of the bill is quoted in USA Today as saying that he will work to ensure that we are not cutting any vital emergency services and not adversely affecting ham radio operations.

You can read the entire USA Today article at tinyurl.com/4tvz4br. The Great Falls Tribune piece is at tinyurl.com/4typ6bg. (USA Today, Great Falls Tribune, N6ZXJ, W6RH, others)

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